

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are canceled.

Claims 24-46 are added.

Claims 24-46 are pending.

The title is amended in the Specification to correspond to the title on the other documents filed with this application.

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-9, 11-12, 15-17 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and thus the rejections of these claims have been rendered moot.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 3, 6, 10, 13-14, 18 and 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and thus the rejections of these claims have been rendered moot.

III. CONCLUSION

Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 24-46 have been added.

The Applicant has added new Claims 24-46 to more clearly define the present invention.

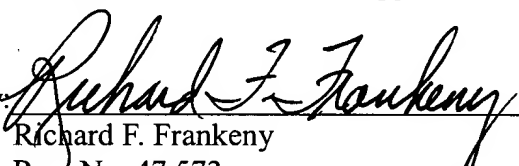
The Applicants, therefore, respectfully assert that new Claims 24-46 are in condition for allowance and request an early allowance of these claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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